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SUBJ: ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS

1. THERE WAS A VERY SMALL (APPROXIMATELY 15) ANTI-OMEGA DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26. DEMONSTRATION WAS ORGANIZED BY THE COMMITTEE AGAINST FOREIGN WAR BASES IN AUSTRALIA. LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED MADE THE ROUTINE CHARGE THAT OMEGA IS A NAVIGATIONAL INSTALLATION TO GUIDE NUCLEAR SUBMARINES. LEAFLET ALSO CLAIMED THAT SOVIET MILITARY PUBLICATION, RED STAR, HAS ALREADY STATED THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL CONSIDER ANY NUCLEAR SUBMARINE BASES AS A TARGET FOR THEIR WARHEAD.

2. THE GROUP WHICH ORGANIZED THIS DEMONSTRATION IS RELATED TO ANOTHER GROUP KNOWN AS "MOBILIZATION AGAINST ROCKEFELLER" WHICH PLANS A SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER. A LEAFLET CIRCULATING THROUGH SYDNEY CHARGES THAT AUSTRALIAN CELEBRATIONS OF AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL ARE "AN INSULT TO THE AUSTRALIAN

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PEOPLE" REFLECTING AMERICAN "CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND
POLITICAL INFLUENCE OVER AUSTRALIA". IN THIS
CONNECTION LEAFLET CONDEMNS AUSTRALIAN INVITATION TO
ROCKEFELLER TO ATTEND BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS.

3. NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE SPECIAL BRANCH UNDERSTANDS
GROUP PLANS FOUR DEMONSTRATIONS, NAMELY: MARCH 26
DURING OPENING LUNCHEON BY ARBA DIRECTOR JOHN WARNER;
MARCH 31 AT WENTWORTH HOTEL DURING ROCKEFELLER VISIT;
APRIL 2 AT HILTON HOTEL DURING SIR GARFIELD BARWICK'S
OPENING OF AMERICAN CONNECTION PROGRAM; AND APRIL 2
AT THE BICENTENNIAL BALL DURING THE EVENING AT
THE WENTWORTH HOTEL. SPECIAL BRANCH ARE QUITE
RELAXED AND BELIEVE THAT THE DEMONSTRATIONS WILL NOT
MAR THE VISIT. PAST EXPERIENCE INDICATES WE CAN
REPOSE CONSIDERABLE CONFIDENCE IN SPECIAL BRANCH'S
JUDGMENT AND ABILITY TO MANAGE DEMONSTRATIONS.
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